

STATE MILITARY AIR RESOURCES (NATIONAL GUARD) 8354 (Revised September 2001)

GENERAL 8354.1 (Revised September 2001)

For a number of years, CDF has been a party to an agreement with the California Military Department, which provides that CDF and the USFS may use military resources in fire control endeavors whenever regular resources have been depleted and it can be demonstrated that civilian resources are not available or are inadequate to meet requirements. Since its creation, the agreement has been exercised many times for the use of National Guard trucks, specialized units, and communications equipment (personnel carriers, helicopters, fuel tankers and cargo planes).

Aircraft operated by the Guard include both fixed-wing and rotary wing. Additional aircraft, if available, may be obtained through the established ordering process, but approval of the Governor's office is required.

NATIONAL GUARD HELICOPTERS 8354.2 (Revised September 2001)

National Guard helicopters may be used for reconnaissance, airlifting of personnel or supplies. An Agency Aviation Military Liaison will be assigned to each activation. A Military Helicopter Manager will be assigned to each aircraft used to assure communications and the needed coordination to operate safely at fires.

ORDERING NATIONAL GUARD HELICOPTERS 8354.3 (Revised September 2001)

Ordering of National Guard helicopters is governed by the Interagency Military Helicopter Firefighting Program Manual and are placed as outlined in HB 8100 [Procedure No. 390](#).

NATIONAL GUARD AIRLIFT OPERATIONS 8354.4 (Revised September 2001)

The California Air National Guard maintains a squadron of Lockheed Hercules C-130 aircraft at Point Magu, NAS in Ventura County. Actual tests have shown that the C-130 aircraft will carry most CDF, USFS or OES fire engines (one or two), complete with crew, or can ferry approximately 80 persons, including personal gear. The C-130 four-engine turbine type has the following capabilities:

- Maximum gross takeoff weight--123,000 lbs.
- Cargo capacity--35,000 lbs.

- Cargo compartment--9' high, 10' wide, and 41' long. (Will carry 80 passengers and equipment)
- A crew consisting of pilot, copilot, crew chief, and loadmaster.
- May be used to move personnel and equipment including handcrews, engine companies and overhead along with sedans, pickups, engines, etc. Cargo space limitation does not allow for the transportation of conservation camp buses.

For airlift details, see Base Operations, Section 8338.1.

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